

Reception Newsletter Spring Term 1

Firstly, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and that Santa was kind to you all! Here is a brief outline of what we will be up to this half term.

Topic

Our topic this half term is Traditional tales and we will focus on the following stories:

Core Texts

Goldilocks and the three bears

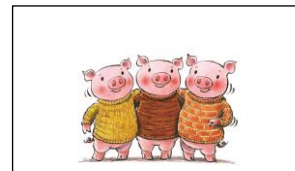
Three little pigs

Three billy goats gruff

The Gingerbread man

Jack and the beanstalk

The Chinese new year story



This topic is focused largely on literacy and language development and through it we will look at the language of stories, their structure, sequence, characters and settings.

Reception children will be creating their own story maps to retell the stories and begin to write short captions and phrases independently.

Preschool children will focus on the language of stories, joining in with repeating refrains and retelling stories through role play. They will continue to develop their pencil and early writing skills through our 'wiggle while you squiggle' sessions and focus on recognising and writing their names.

In phonics Reception children will be focusing on the following set 2 sounds –

ay ee igh ow oo.

In addition, we will be looking at -

Maths

Reception

Numbers to 10

Mass and capacity

Length, height and time

Preschool

Numbers to 1-3, 1-5

Patterns and Position

Understanding the world- Seasonal change - Winter – what happens?

Exploring freezing/ ice play. Changes in the environment.

Chinese New year – Year of the Horse

Expressive Arts –

Art -Exploring paint and painting techniques through nature, music and collaborative work. Developing creativity through child-led exploration of mixed-media, making collages and transient art.

Music - Linked to our work on traditional tales we will be learning that music and instruments can be used to convey moods or represent characters.

R.E - Which stories are special and why?

Bible stories from the old and New testament

P.E.

Our PE sessions this half term will be on **Tuesday (Dance)** and **Friday(Running and Jumping)**. The children will need come to school in their PE in school for both these sessions.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day.

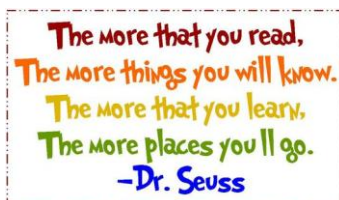
Reminder – Water bottles should contain water not juice or squash.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Reading

I cannot stress enough how important daily reading at home is as children really benefit from repeated and regular practise. Please complete your child's reading diary each time they read at home (and we will do the same in school). This will enable us both to see how they have got on and any support that they needed.

Each time they read at home they can move one space up the class rocket!



Cool Milk- Reminder !!



If you would like your child to have milk at snack time, please register with cool milk online. They only send enough milk for the registered children. All the children receive a piece of fruit each day. If you feel your child needs an additional snack to eat at play time please make sure it is a healthy snack.